

Community Open Class Competition 2024

Fees & Entry Forms: No entry fee or pre-fair entry required

Exhibit Check In: Sunday, July 14, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Colorado State Fair Southwest Motors Events Center. Enter through the Beulah Avenue gate. Free parking in front of the events center.

Exhibit Judging: Sunday, July 14, 2024 begins at 1:30 p.m. until completed

Exhibit Judging Results and Display: Tuesday, July 16-Saturday, July 20, 2024. See fair schedule for event center daily hours.

Exhibit Release: Sunday, July 21, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Pueblo County Fair Management will use all care possible to ensure the safety of the entries. However, under NO circumstances will they be responsible for loss, injury, or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any article on exhibition.
2. All articles must be deemed to be suitable for exhibition or can be denied entry by the Superintendents or Judges. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2023. (Except quilts - Aug. 2022.) Articles that have been previously entered in the Pueblo County Fair are ineligible.
3. Exhibit must be the product of the exhibitor/group named on entry.
4. **Competition is open only to Pueblo County residents. Entry must be made by exhibitor. Amateurs only. Youth exhibitors are defined as exhibitors age 15 and under.** Youth wishing to be judged by youth standards may indicate so on the entry form. The judge, at their discretion, may consider youth standards based on the entry or as warranted by competition.
5. Danish system of judging will be used for all divisions except Quilts. Quilts will be judged using the CQC judging system. For the Danish System, all exhibits are divided in each class into blue, red, white and participation ribbon groups according to quality. All exhibits will be awarded a ribbon.
Standards for Ribbons:
Blue: Meets requirements, high quality **Red:** Meets requirements, average quality
White: Exhibit does not meet all requirements; exhibit is below standard quality, improvement needed
6. Only exhibits in the **blue ribbon** category are eligible for reserve champion or better. There will be no comparison judging until all Danish ribbons have been assigned. Standardized judging sheets will be used and are available upon request. Champion ribbons will be awarded in each class, if merited. No reserve champion will be given unless a champion ribbon is given.
7. **Division Grand Champions** and **Queen/King of the Kitchen** will be awarded a \$10.00 cash prize. IRS W-9 forms are required for all monetary awards. Forms will be provided to winners and must be completed before checks will be released. Failure or refusal to complete the form will result in a forfeiture of the monetary prize.
8. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.
9. An entry entered in the wrong class may be disqualified. No ribbon will be awarded, but entry will be evaluated by the judge.
10. If there are less than three (3) entries in any specific class in two successive years, the class may be dropped.
11. No marijuana or marijuana products may be used in any entry.

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12. Judging will be open to the public, unless prohibited by current health guidelines.
13. Entries are limited to one entry per class per exhibitor, except where class specifically states number of entries allowed. Extra items and items not fitting in listed classes will not be accepted or displayed.
14. All protests must be made in writing and presented to the superintendent of each department within 24 hours after the incident or judging. Protest forms are available from the judge or the superintendents. Protests must accompany a \$50 fee, made payable to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. Protests will be handled by the individual department's superintendent. Protests may be appealed to the Fair Board for a final decision. The Fair Board will review them at an officially called meeting. If the protest is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned.
15. **Entering County Fair does not qualify or disqualify you from Colorado State Fair Open Class.** County Fair classes are not necessarily descriptive of or included as classes for entry at State Fair. You do not have to enter the county fair to go to the state fair and the same item can be entered in both contests independently.
16. Entry of items and signature on entry form constitutes an agreement with the general rules and regulations. Entry forms will be available at entry check in or may be picked up at CSU Extension-Pueblo County, 701 Court Street, Suite C, Pueblo. CO 81003. Call 719-583-6566 to have an entry form emailed to you.

PANTRY DEPARTMENT

Rules for Classes 201-215:

1. Each exhibitor allowed **one entry** per class of food products. Entries prepared from conventional methods except where designated. Must be made from scratch (no mixes).
2. Place on small paper plate inside a plastic bag. Cool before wrapping.
3. A 3 x 5 recipe card must accompany all pantry entries except decorated baked goods.
4. **Due to food safety concerns, foods requiring refrigeration (i.e. cream cheese fillings, custards, etc.) will not be accepted in any class. No marijuana or marijuana products may be used.**

Bread Division

201 Quick bread - any variety, one loaf, biscuits (3)

202 Quick bread - muffins (3 of the same variety)

203 Yeast bread (not machine) - any variety: rolls (3), or loaf (1)

203a White

203b Other variety (wheat, rye, etc.)

204 Machine Yeast Bread, one loaf-any variety

204a White

204b Other variety (wheat, rye, etc.)

205 Sweet yeast breads, any variety; rolls (3) or loaf (1)

206 Bread Basket- The basket may be purchased or handmade, made from any material. It may be decorated based on the theme: **"Dive In- There's lots to Sea at the Pueblo County Fair"**. Basket size limit: 12 inches wide by 15 inches high. Basket must contain a variety of at least three shapes and at least two kinds of dough. Muffins or other quick breads may be included but are not required. Basket must contain 12 to 15 rolls or loaves. Rolls should be individually wrapped in clear plastic wrap. Recipe cards for each variety must be included on a 3x5 index card. Entries may be made by individuals or groups. Judging will be based 25% on basket and 75% on bread selections.

<p style="text-align: center;">3 X 5 Recipe Card REQUIRED (Do not put your name on card)</p>

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Pantry Department-Continued

Cookie Division

- 207 Cookies (3) any baked variety, unfrosted
 - 207a Chocolate chip cookies
 - 207b Sugar cookies, unfrosted
 - 207c Any other variety cookies, unfrosted
- 208 Cookie Jar- The jar should be a glass or clear plastic, wide-mouth, ½ gallon or gallon size, and decorated based on the theme: "Dive In- There's lots to Sea at the Pueblo County Fair". The decorated cookie jars should be filled with 5 different kinds of homemade cookies. 50% of the cookies should be visible. Write the name of the 5 types of cookies you made and in a ziplock bag place 1 cookie of each for judge to sample. You will be judged on the following criteria: Outside Appearance: 30%; Texture & Flavor: 45%; Decorated Container: 25%.

**3 X 5 Recipe Card
REQUIRED**
(Do not put your name on card)

Other Baked Goods Division

- 209 Bars (3) - any baked variety (except brownies)
- 210 Brownies (3) - any variety (no cream cheese or frosting)
- 211 Cake - from scratch, no mixes, unfrosted
- 212 Candies - any variety, 5 pieces
- 213 Fruit Pies- disposable pie pans only
- 214 Modified, any baked product - modified for health; make note of modifications on recipe card (ie: gluten free, egg free, sugar free or reduced sugar)
- 215 Donuts -Cake donuts, baked (not fried) three (3) of the same variety

**3 X 5 Recipe Card
REQUIRED**
(Do not put your name on card)

Decorated Baked Goods Division

Rules for Classes 216-218:

1. All entries will be judged on precision of decorations and neatness.
2. Entries will not be cut for judging. Cake forms may be used. Recipe card is not required.

- 216 Decorated Cakes
 - 216a- layer cake or bundt cake
 - 216b- sheet cake or character cake
- 217 Decorated Cookies – three cookies with the same or coordinating decorations.
- 218 Decorated Cupcakes – three cupcakes with the same or coordinating decorations.

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**3 X 5 Recipe Card
REQUIRED for all pantry entries
except Decorated Baked Goods**
(Do not put your name on card)

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Food Preservation Division

1. Classes 251 through 258: Each exhibitor allowed **one entry** per class of food products.
2. All preservation standards are based on Colorado State University Extension, University of Georgia Extension and University of Utah fact sheets and opinions of food science specialists. Fact sheets are available at www.ext.colostate.edu, <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>, <http://extension.usu.edu/> or by calling 583-6566.
3. Any canned good that is not properly sealed and labeled will not be accepted for entry. All canned goods must have labels stating: name of product; method of pack where applicable (hot pack or raw pack); method of processing (water bath or pressure canner); altitude and process time; pounds of pressure where applicable; date canned and recipe source. Pickles must be labeled with vinegar/water solution ratio. See examples:

Label Example	Pickled Products	Pressure Canned	Water Bath Canned
Product	Pickled Dilly Beans	Green Beans	Peaches
Method	Water bath – hot pack	Pressure – raw pack	Water bath – raw pack
Solution/Pressure	1 part vinegar: 1 part water	13#	Light syrup
Time	10 minutes (pints)	20 minutes (pints)	35 minutes (pints)
Elevation	5,000 feet	6,000 feet	5,000 feet
Date	June 2024	July 2024	August 2023
Recipe Source	CSU Fact sheet #9	So Easy to Preserve	Ball Blue Book 2006

4. All canned products shall be packed in clean, clear, standard brand name jars, sealed with new clean seals, processed since August 1, 2023. Label sizes should be no more than 1½ x 2½ for pints and half-pints; 2½ x 3½ for quart jars. Labeling of jars should occur at home. To assist judging, include recipe and recipe source on a standard recipe card.
5. All soft spreads must be water bath processed. Soft spreads and pickles will be opened and tasted at the judge's discretion.
6. Canned fruit and vegetables will not be opened.
7. Classes are as follows:
 - 251 Jellies
 - 252 Jams
 - 253 Fruit butters
 - 254 Preserves or conserves
 - 255 Any canned high-acid fruit or juice, including tomatoes
 - 256 Any canned vegetable or vegetable juice, other than tomato
 - 257 Any pickle - (must show vinegar/water solution ratio on label) (not relishes)
 - 258 Relishes and salsas, canned (not fresh)

**3 X 5 Recipe Card
REQUIRED**
(Do not put your name on card)

QUEEN/KING of the KITCHEN

Class 299

1. To be eligible for Queen/King of the Kitchen, exhibitors must enter at least twelve (12) of the 21 classes in the Pantry Department and place (blue ribbon or higher) in at least six (6) classes. The Pantry Department includes Food Preparation (classes 201-205, 207, 209-215) and Food Preservation (classes 251-258). Classes 206, 208, 216-218 are not included in Queen/King of the Kitchen.
2. Points are awarded as follows: Blue = 1 point; Reserve Champion = 2 points; Champion = 3 points; Reserve Grand Champion = 4 points; Grand Champion = 5 points. Queen/King of the Kitchen will be awarded to highest points earner. In case of tie, pantry judges will determine winner based on variety and degree of difficulty. Queen/King of the Kitchen will be awarded a rosette and \$10.00 cash prize. See general rule #7.

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NEEDLE ARTS DEPARTMENT

1. Garments or articles must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2023. (Except quilts - Aug. 2022.) Articles that have been previously entered in the Pueblo County Fair are ineligible.
2. One entry per class per exhibitor. Any items of a set will be entered as one exhibit (example: pillow cases, clothing, etc.). Classes may be split or combined at the judge's discretion.
3. All items with three layers will constitute a quilt and will only be entered in quilt division classes.
4. Quilts may be made by an individual or a group of two or more. If made by a group, all exhibitors' names must be listed on entry form.

Knit and Crochet Division

- 301 Any crocheted afghan
- 302 Any crocheted garment
- 303 Any crocheted accessory (home or apparel)
- 304 Any crocheted baby item or set (hat and booties, blanket, etc.)
- 305 Any knit afghan
- 306 Any knit garment
- 307 Any knit accessory (home or apparel)
- 308 Any knit baby item or set (hat and booties, blanket, etc.)

Sewing Division

- 333 Any teen or adult garment
- 334 Any child garment
- 335 Any costume
- 336 Any household item – made from fabric, not quilted or tied (ie. Placemats and napkin sets)
- 337 Any sewn accessory, not quilted- totes, handbags

Embroidery Division

Hand Embroidery

- 341 Counted cross-stitch - any framed picture
- 342 Any other counted cross-stitch
- 343 Any hand embroidery
- 344 Plastic canvas
- 345 Any other hand work (crewel, needlepoint, hardanger, etc.)

Machine Embroidery

- 351 Any cross stitch
- 352 Any other machine embroidery, other than quilts, such as tablecloths, napkins, shirts, etc.

QUILT DIVISION

Entry Rules and Requirements (these rules and requirements are in addition to the general rules and regulations).

1. Quilts are defined as having three layers - top, a batting, and a backing.
2. Quilts must be quilted through all three layers - top, batting, and backing.
3. All quilts must be completely finished.
4. A One-Person quilt is defined as a quilt made by one person, only. One Person quilts should be entered in Classes 411-443.

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5. A Duet (Two-Person) quilt is defined as a quilt made by one person and quilted by someone else. Duet quilts should be entered in Classes 511-544. Indicate names of both people on entry form.
6. Quilts entered must have been constructed and completed within the last two years.
7. Quilts that have been previously entered in Pueblo County Fair may not be entered again.
8. Quilts that are soiled, worn, or deemed unworthy of judging will not be accepted. Quilts should be clean and free of odors and pet hair.
9. Safety pins, only, will be used for attaching entry tags to quilts. Quilts may have a hanging sleeve.
10. Because of limited show space, please note that some quilts may be displayed folded.
11. Cover any quilt label or name of quilter.
12. Judging will be based on the Colorado Quilt Council standards.

Definitions

DUET is a quilt constructed by one person and quilted by someone else.

ART QUILT is a contemporary artwork of original design involving the creative expression and exploration of various processes, such as dyeing, printing, painting, stitching, embellishing, quilting, and weaving. An Art Quilt does not follow traditional block lines.

MEMORY QUILTS are a way of remembering or celebrating family history, the life of a loved one, or an important event in life. Materials used can be clothing, photos, memorabilia, etc.

APPLIQUE QUILTS use applique as the primary feature. The definition of applique is sewing of smaller pieces of fabric onto a large, whole piece of fabric. Applique quilts can include other quilting techniques in a secondary role.

MODERN QUILTS are defined as quilts that are functional, include bold colors, and are inspired by modern design. Minimalism, asymmetry, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work are often a part of modern quilt composition, as are improvisational piecing and solid fabrics.

WHOLE CLOTH QUILTS The top layer of a whole cloth quilt is made from a single piece of fabric. No patchwork or applique is used in the quilt design. The appearance of a whole cloth quilt relies on the quilting motifs that are chosen, and quilting stitches are usually intricate and closely spaced.

BABY QUILT is defined as a small quilt made to fit easily in a crib or stroller.

MACHINE QUILTING is quilting with any type of machine.

QUILTS DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

Quilts- One Person

411. Art Quilt, original design, hand or machine quilted
412. Memory Quilt, hand or machine quilted
413. Modern Quilt
414. Quilt, applique, hand quilted
415. Quilt, applique, machine quilted.
416. Quilt, pieced, hand quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
417. Quilt, pieced, machine quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
418. Quilt, mixed techniques using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc. - Hand quilted

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419. Quilt, mixed techniques using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc. - Machine quilted
420. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidering being the main feature, hand quilted
421. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidering being the main feature, machine quilted
422. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidering being the main feature, hand quilted
423. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidering being the main feature, machine quilted
424. Quilt, baby, hand quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
425. Quilt, baby, machine quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
426. Quilt, baby, tied
427. Whole cloth quilt, hand quilted
428. Whole cloth quilt, machine quilted
429. Preprinted panels, hand quilted. Commercially printed and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger (Preprinted panels with heavily pieced or applique work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
430. Preprinted panels, machine quilted commercially printed and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger (Preprinted panels with heavily pieced or applique work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
431. Quilt, recycled denim, must be at least 50% denim
432. Quilt, 50% recycled other than denim
433. Quilt, miniature, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches, must reflect an overall reduced scale in piecing, applique, pattern, and binding
434. Quilt, hand pieced and quilted, all work must be done by hand except binding which may be attached on one side by machine
435. New quilt from old blocks or quilt tops made into finished quilt, must be at least 15 years old
436. Any other quilt not listed above or falling into any quilt definition (tied, cathedral window, puff, biscuit, Yo-Yo, Crazy Quilt, Comforters, etc.)
437. Art wall-hanging, no side longer than 60-inches
438. Wall-hanging, hand quilted or machine quilted no side longer than 60-inches
439. Clothing, must be 3 layers, quilted
440. Pillows, must be 3 layers, quilted
441. Table Runners and Placemats, must be 3 layers, quilted
442. Accessories (purses, totes, potholders, etc.), must be 3 layers, quilted
443. Holiday-themed, any quilted item using any technique and materials

Quilts Duet- Two-Person

511. Art Quilt, original design, hand or machine quilted
512. Memory Quilt, hand or machine quilted
513. Modern Quilt
514. Quilt, applique, hand quilted
515. Quilt, applique, machine quilted
516. Quilt, pieced, hand quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
517. Quilt, pieced, machine quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
518. Quilt, mixed techniques, using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc., —hand quilted
519. Quilt, mixed techniques using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc., —machine quilted
520. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidering being the main feature, hand quilted
521. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidering being the main feature, machine quilted
522. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidering being the main feature, hand quilted
523. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidering being the main feature, machine quilted
524. Quilt, baby, hand quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
525. Quilt, baby, machine quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
526. Quilt, baby, tied
527. Whole cloth quilt, hand quilted
528. Whole cloth quilt, machine quilted

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529. Preprinted panels, hand quilted. Commercially printed and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger. (Preprinted panels with heavily-pieced or applique work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
530. Preprinted panels, machine quilted commercially printed and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger (Preprinted panels with heavily-pieced or applique work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
531. Quilt, recycled denim, must be at least 50% denim
532. Quilt, 50% recycled other than denim
533. Quilt, miniature, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches, must reflect an overall reduced scale in piecing, applique, pattern, and binding
534. Quilt, hand pieced and quilted, all work must be done by hand except binding which may be attached on one side by machine
535. New quilt from old blocks or quilt tops made into finished quilt, must be at least 15 years old
536. Any other quilt not listed above or falling into any quilt definition (tied, cathedral window, puff, biscuit, Yo-Yo, Crazy Quilt, Comforters, etc.)
537. Group (more than two people) hand quilted or machine quilted, must be entered in name of group
538. Art wall-hanging, original design, no side longer than 60-inches
539. Wall-hanging, hand quilted or machine quilted, no side longer than 60-inches
540. Clothing, must be 3 layers, quilted
541. Pillows, must be 3 layers, quilted
542. Table Runners and Placemats, must be 3 layers, quilted
543. Accessories (purses, totes, potholders, etc.), must be 3 layers, quilted
544. Holiday-themed, any quilted item using any technique and materials

LEATHERCRAFT DEPARTMENT

1. All entries must be worthy of entry. Used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2023. Articles that have been previously entered in the Pueblo County Fair are ineligible.
2. One entry per class per exhibitor. All items of a set will be entered as one exhibit.
3. Classes may be sub-divided or combined as determined by the number of entries entered and at the discretion of the judges and/or the superintendents.

Leathercraft Division

- 751 Pictures (decorative items)
- 752 Functional (Belts, wallets, etc)
- 753 Horse tack (bridles, saddles, breast collars, etc)
- 754 Any other item

WOODWORKING DEPARTMENT

1. Articles must be worthy of entry. Obviously used, worn or soiled items will not be entered. All exhibits must have been completed since August 1, 2023.
2. One entry per class per exhibitor. Any items of a set will be entered as one exhibit (example: bookends, candlestick sets).

Woodworking Division

- 401 Floor/Freestanding Furniture (tables, chairs, hutches, hope chests, potato bins, bookshelves, etc.)
- 402 Functional Wood Products- Wooden devices that perform a function but use no metal, plastic, or other non-wooden components (vices, clamps, gear works, etc.)
- 403 Wooden Art (puzzles, carvings, scroll work, etc.)
- 404 Turning/Lathe Work (bowls, pens, baseball bats, candlesticks, vases, etc.)
- 405 From the Woodpile- Projects developed from the log to finished product without the use of any power tools or modern fasteners. Any assembly of projects must be done using methods of joinery such as dowels, mortar and tenon, dove tail, spline joint, etc.

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406 Other.

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

1. This competition is for AMATEUR photographers ONLY. For the purpose of competition, professionals are defined as those who sell their work, or who are employed as photographers or teachers of photography. Photos carrying identifying marks, copyrights or watermarks will be refused.
2. All photos must be at least 8" X 10" and no larger than 8" X 12" and firmly attached to 11" X 14" mats or mounted on 11" X 14" mat board. MATS, SMALLER OR LARGER THAN 11" X 14", WILL BE REFUSED. No oval mats or framed pictures. Construction paper and poster board are not acceptable forms of mats. NO GLASS.
3. Entries are limited to only one print per class and 10 prints total per person.
4. All photos must be the original work of the exhibitor.
5. Judging will be based on technical quality, composition, originality and relevance to the category.
6. The management of the Fair reserves the right to refuse any photograph deemed unsuitable for competition, and all photographs will be displayed at the discretion of the management of the Fair. Entries that do not meet requirements will not be accepted or displayed.
7. For photographers wanting feedback to improve photos, please include ISO, shutter speed and aperture on back of photo.

Photography Division

People

- 601 Baby- infant under 2 years
- 602 Single person, posed- child or adult
- 603 Multiple people, posed, 2 or more
- 604 Candid - Unposed - photos that capture people being themselves without being aware that they are being photographed.)
- 605 Pueblo County heroes

Scenic

- 606 Landscape/Waterscape
- 607 Skyscape -sunsets, clouds, etc.
- 608 Weather -snow scene, lightning, etc.

Nature

- 609 Plants/Flowers
- 610 Animals/Wildlife
- 611 Animals/Farm
- 612 Animals/Pet
- 613 Insects
- 614 Birdlife
- 615 Other nature

Miscellaneous

- 616 Sports/Action
- 617 Architecture/Landmark/Monument -building or close-up of part of building, bridges, other structures
- 618 Still Life- A combination of inanimate/objects arranged by the photographer.
- 619 Transportation -Past or present
- 620 Special Effects -Any photo that has been altered from its original real-time appearance. Effects can be generated by multiple exposures, time-lapse, flash effects, use of filters, etc., OR special processing, dark room techniques or computer manipulated which changes the initial photographic content or composition, such as superimposing, hand coloring, vignettes, etc. Include description of special effect used on back of photo.
- 621 County Fair- we want to see the fair through your eyes
- 622 Misc. -Any photo that does not fit one of the above categories
- 623 Any black and white photo (including sepia)

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Horticulture Department

Superintendent: Amanda Weidner

Rules and Regulations for classes 800-891

1. Open class vegetable, herb, and fruit classes are open to youth and adults.
2. Identify variety of all crops on entry form.
3. Exhibits will be shown on white paper plates and may be wrapped in plastic.
4. Any entry left after 2 p.m. on release day will be donated to food banks (if useable) or disposed of.
5. Only home grown produce raised by the exhibitor will be allowed to be exhibited.
6. Exhibits will be judged based on the guidelines listed at the end of this document.
7. Display Tips: Uniformity is a key in displaying more than one of any item. Do not deform fruits or vegetables by cutting off parts. Display consumer sized items, not too large or not too small, and free of damage, insects, and disease.

Division A: Surface Crops

801. Beans, snap, 6 pods
802. Broccoli, 2 heads
803. Cauliflower, 1 head, 2-4 outer leaves
804. Eggplant, 2
805. Lettuce, 1 head, 3 leaves
806. Kale, 1 head
807. Kohlrabi (leaves removed), 3
808. Okra, 3 pods
809. Peppers, 3
810. Rhubarb, 3 stalks, 18-36", red or green, leaves removed
811. Spinach, 6 leaves
812. Swiss chard, 3 leaves
813. Tomatoes, 3
814. Largest ripe tomato (by weight)
815. Basil, 3 stems
816. Sage, 3 stems
817. Oregano, 3 stems
818. Thyme, 3 stems
819. Chives, 3 bunches
820. Parsley, 3 stems
821. Oregano, 3 stems
822. Mint, 3 stems
823. Rosemary, 3 stems
824. Miscellaneous herbs, 3 stems (must have 2 or more entries of the same crop to make a class; otherwise all will be judged together as one miscellaneous class)
825. Miscellaneous Surface Crop, fruit or vegetable, (must have 2 or more entries of the same crop to make a class; otherwise all will be judged together as one miscellaneous class)

Division B: Garden Fun Classes

845. Vegetable Caricatures - Any vegetable that looks like a person or animal.
846. Biggest Grasshopper-(live, in a clear container with lid).
847. Prettiest Bug-(live, in a clear container with lid).
848. Biggest Praying Mantis-(live, in a clear container with lid).

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- 849. Giant zucchini (by weight, length, diameter)
- 850. Giant vegetable - other than zucchini (size by weight)
- 851. Whacky Veggie – Defined by unusual shape
- 852. Decorated fruit or vegetable- (i.e. painted zucchini, carved watermelon, etc.) Produce may be store bought or home grown. Dimensions limited to 24"x24"x24".
- 853. Decorated Scarecrow- Exhibit may consist of scarecrow and decorative pieces but must fit in a 4 ft. square space. Scarecrow should be a minimum of 3 ft. tall and must stand on its own. Entry must contain some visible straw or hay but may be stuffed with other materials.

Division C: Vine Crops

- 856. Cucumbers, 2
- 857. Peas, 1/4 pound of pods
- 858. Squash, summer, 2
- 859. Miscellaneous Vine Crop (must have 2 or more entries of the same crop to make a class; otherwise all will be judged together as one miscellaneous class)

Division D: Roots, Bulb, and Tuberous Crops

- 870. Onions, 2
- 871. Radish, 2
- 872. Turnips, 2
- 873. Potatoes, 2
- 874. Miscellaneous Roots, Bulb or Tuberous Crop (must have 2 or more entries of the same crop to make a class; otherwise all will be judged together as one miscellaneous class)

Division E:

- 880: Ornamental plant, 1

Guidelines for entries

Beans, any type – Well-formed pods that are tender, firm, succulent and should be stringless. They should snap when broken. They should be bright, the seeds should be small, and the flesh should not have any voids. The pods should be uniform in shape and size. They should be picked with ¼" to ½" stem. Varieties having straight, round pods are preferred.

Broccoli – Six inches long and the head at least 3" in diameter. Stem should be solid and loose leaves removed. Heads should be compact, and dark green with uniform buds of medium size. Over maturity, leafiness in head, and damage to buds are to be avoided. Cabbage – any type – Four to six lb. each with 1-2 wrapped leaves per head. The stems should be cut with ¼" petiole remaining.

Carrots – Should have 1" petiole remaining. Carrots should be coreless. The root should be clean and free of side roots. Avoid large crowns, second growth, and green shoulders. Any color.

Cauliflower – Wrapper leaves trimmed even with the curd. The curd should be pure white, smooth, and compact. Avoid over maturity and richness. The stem should be trimmed ½" below the last remaining leaf.

Cucumber –slicing - cucumbers should not exceed 2 ½" in diameter with ¼ inch stem attached. It is usually white spined, dark green, tapered at both ends, with no warts or a corrugated surface. Good slicers are fairly straight.

Cucumber –pickling – cucumbers are either small, 2" to 2 ½" long or large 3" to 4" long with ¼ inch stem attached. Typically, cucumbers will have warts, be slightly triangular in cross section, and have a slight

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curve from petiole to blossom end, is blunt at both ends and has a length roughly 3 times its diameter. The cucumber has spines and a natural bloom that should not be removed.

Eggplant – With calyx cap and a ½” stem present. A good quality eggplant is firm, heavy in relation to size, with a uniform, dark, rich purple color. The blossom scar should be small and the calyx green. Eggplant should not be washed, but it should be cleaned by wiping with a soft cloth.

Herbs – Stems should be a minimum of 6” in length. They should be well leafed and uniform in color. Coarse, fibrous stems and finished blooms indicate advanced maturity and lower quality.

Lettuce – with stem ending ½” below the head. Loose wrapper leaves may be removed if yellow or damaged; however, the leaves protecting the head, which have a dark green color, must be present during exhibition.

Onion – dry – Displayed with ½ inch stem. Select bright, clean, hard, mature onions with intact dry skins and small well-dried necks. Do not wash. Remove only jagged and dirty outer scales.

Onions – green bunch – Should be tied top and bottom and should have long white stems, not less than ½” preferred. The bulb should not be more than slightly enlarged. Exhibit should be washed thoroughly and tops and roots trimmed to an even length.

Peas – Should be podded with stems. Select pods that are bright green and fully filled with well sized but tender peas. The pods should carry the original bloom.

Peppers – sweet or hot – Stems attached, clean, but not polished.

Radishes – Good quality radishes are smooth, firm, tender, crisp and mild in flavor. Radishes may be washed to remove soil, but do not trim roots. Leave 1” tops.

Rhubarb – Stalks should be uniform in size and color. Tender and crisp, not pithy. Stalks should be trimmed 1-inch leafy top remaining. Butt end should be pulled and trimmed.

Spinach – exhibit as a bunch including roots.

Squash – summer – Yellow or straight neck should be 5”- 6” long, the zucchini 6”-9” long, and the scalloped or patty pan 3”-4” in diameter. Each entry should have ½” stem, the skin should be tender, the seeds immature and edible, and the flesh solid, light colored, and free of voids.

Tomatoes – ripe – Should be uniformly colored and the interior should be bright and meaty with no green around the seeds. Exhibit without stems. They should be soil free but not washed or polished.